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Abstract of the Invention

## METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR REGULATING FAS-ASSOCIATED APOPTOSIS

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This invention provides a novel protein designated FADD, FADD fragments, and anti-FADD antibodies which are useful to modulate Fas-associated cellular functions such as apoptosis. Also provided are nucleic acid molecules coding for these proteins and antibodies as well as process for making these compositions. Further provided are diagnostic and therapeutic methods for these compositions.